

II. General Remarks Concerning This Response

Claims 1-31 and 41-45 are currently pending in this application; claims 1-25, 27-30, and 41-45 are finally rejected; and claims 26 and 31 remain objected to. Claims 1-25, 27-30, and 41-45 have been appealed, and claims 32-40 have been canceled herein.

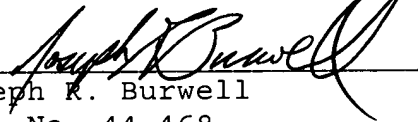
Claims 32-40 have been cancelled in order to file a continuation patent application to pursue an allowance of those claims while appealing the rejected claims.

III. Conclusion

For any other outstanding matters or issues, the examiner is urged to call or fax the below-listed telephone numbers to expedite the prosecution and examination of this application.

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